

BAY BRIDGE NEWS

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The Bay Bridge Will Be OPEN Labor Day Weekend

MORE CATWALKS ON THE SAS TOWERS

Crews erected the second set of bright orange catwalks to the Self-Anchored Suspension Span's tower in late July and early August, giving the Bay Area a preview of the bridge's final graceful profile. The catwalks will allow crews to work on the main cable, scheduled to begin installation in early 2012.

The 12-foot-wide catwalks are made of wire mesh panels and are positioned approximately 4 feet below the location of the main cable.

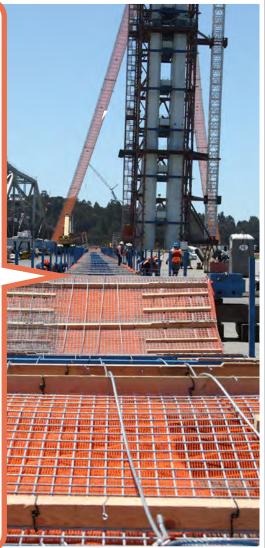
The two catwalks on the east side of the tower are 1,060 feet long and start at a five degree angle near the deck and gradually reach a 28 degree angle closer to the tower, while the catwalks on the west side of the tower are 600 feet long and start at a 24 degree angle near the deck and gradually reach a 35 degree angle closer to the tower making that climb quite a challenge!

In early 2012, crews will begin erecting the nearly 1-mile-long main cable which is made up of 17.399 individual seamless steel wire strands and will weigh approximately 10.6 million pounds.

For more information about the SAS cable, visit BayBridgeInfo.org/sas-

main-cable.



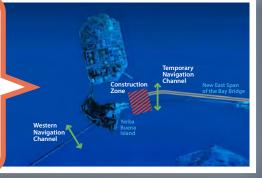


BOATERS! STEER CLEAR OF BAY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

For their safety, boaters are advised to pass under the Bay Bridge west of Yerba Buena Island, due to construction work. For more information, visit

BayBridgeInfo.org.







DRIVERS! WATCH YOUR SPEED ON THE "S-CURVE"

Just a friendly reminder that the speed limit on the S-Curve is 40 mph for cars and 35 mph for trucks. Caltrans is also closing lanes during off-peak hours to allow the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to enforce these speed

limits. Please drive carefully! For more information, visit

BayBridgeInfo.org/ybidetour.



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